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Dear Xiu-Xia Song,

we resubmit our revised Minireview “Generalizable items and modular structure for a computerised calculation of physician staffing on ICUs” by Manfred Weiss, Gernot Marx and Thomas Iber for the “World Journal of Critical Care Medicine”.

We revised our manuscript according to the reviewers’ and editor’s comments. Attached please find out revisions in the manuscript file edited by the editor. We highlighted all our changes in the updated version “31406-edited_MW_2017_02_24”.

Reponse to review 00506481:

Table 4 Line 2: „Caes“ has been replaced by „Cases“.

Reponse to review 00502903:

The conclusions have been changed from „“In conclusion, workload-oriented models of physician staffing ... may help to justify realistic personnel staffing demands, resulting in improvement of patient safety and quality of management.” to “...staffing demands. In the future, it should be evaluated whether this model may lead to improvement of patient safety and quality of management.”.

Response to the comments of the editor:

Comment 1.

We revised our manuscript according to the reviewers' and Editor's comments.

Comment 2.

For manuscripts supported by various foundations ... approved grant application form(s) ...

We did not get a grant. This section has been rewritten as follows: "Supported by the German Association of Anaesthesiologists (BDA) and the German Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine (DGAI), in that BDA and DGAI sponsored meetings of the working group "personnel management" to create the physician staffing tools 2008 and 2012. Weiss, G. Marx and T. Iber are members of the working group "personnel management of BDA and DGAI"."

Comment 3.

We made an audio core tip.

Comment 4.

We integrated all the tables in Word format in the Word document.

Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revisions: Minireviews

2 WRITING REQUIREMENTS

We now resubmit formatted in 12 pt Book Antiqua font and 1.5 line spacing.

2.1 Title.

We shortened the title from "Generalizable items and modular structure for a computerised calculation of physician staffing on ICUs" to a 12 word title "Generalizable items and modular structure for computerised physician staffing calculation on ICUs".

2.2. Running title

We included a 6 words running title “Generalizable physician staffing calculation on ICUs”.

2.7 Conflict-of-interest statement.

A copy of a signed statement is provided to BPG in PDF format.

2.8 Open-Access.

The following has been added:

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2.12. Keywords.

The following 10 keywords are given now:

„Budgets; Critical care; Economics; Humans; Intensive care units; Personnel, hospital; Personnel staffing and scheduling; Physicians; Quality of health care; Workload.”

2.25. References

The format of the references has been updated.

3 LANGUAGE EDITING FOR MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED BY NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH

Regarding a language certificate, as declared in the Acknowledgements, the manuscript has been checked by a native speaker, Mrs. Clair Hartmann.

We hope that we responded adequately to the comments made by the reviewers’ and

the editor.

Best regards,

Manfred Weiss

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